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Governor Jan Brewer Appoints Yavapai County Superior Court Judge

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today appointed Patricia Trebesch to the Yavapai County Superior Court.

"Ms. Trebesch brings a diverse professional career, a longstanding passion for public service and a strong commitment to enforcing the rule of law," said Governor Brewer. "Her judicial demeanor and extensive legal background will be a valuable asset to the court and the community."

Ms. Trebesch has been a Yavapai County Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore since 2011, a role in which she presides over civil and domestic relations matters and is responsible for civil appeals from lower courts.

She previously worked for the Arizona Attorney General's Office, where she also served on eight committees regarding issues including case management, open meetings and domestic violence (1991-2011); was a research attorney with the Arizona Senate Judiciary Committee (1989-91); and served as an attorney with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office (1987-88). In these roles, she practiced in the juvenile dependency, child welfare, child support, legislative and criminal areas. She also has significant trial, managerial and appellate experience and has argued in front of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Currently a member of the Arizona Judges Association, Ms. Trebesch also has served as Secretary of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association Charitable Foundation Board (2010); as President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Northern Arizona Women Lawyers Association (2007-2008); and as Rules Chair for the State Bar Juvenile Law Section (2007-2010).

Ms. Trebesch also has trained dependency attorneys and judges (2000-10); presented to attorneys on matters of dependency, testimony, confidentiality and mental health issues; and conducted trainings for Arizona Department of Economic Security and Child Protective Services case managers and supervisors (1995-2000).

In addition to receiving multiple awards from the Arizona Attorney General's Office for her trial and managerial work (1997-2000, 2008), Ms. Trebesch has earned the Advancing Women in the Profession award from the Arizona Women Lawyers Association (2009); Appreciation for Service award from the Arizona Supreme Court (2008); Jack Ogg Award for Community Service from the Yavapai County Bar Association (2007); and Arizona Leadership Honoree from the Hispanic National Bar Association (1994).

Aside from her legal service, Ms. Trebesch has served on the Prescott High School Basketball Booster

Club (2007-10); Yavapai County Community Advisory Board (2006-10); Prescott YMCA Board of Directors (2007-10); Prevent Child Abuse Arizona "Best for Babies" Think Tank (2005-10); and Arizona Foster Care Review Board (2006-10).

Ms. Trebesch received both her undergrad degree in Political Science (1983) and law degree (1986) from the University of Arizona. Her appointment to the Yavapai County Superior Court was made to fill the vacancy created by the governor's appointment of Judge Kenton Jones to the Arizona Court of Appeals.

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